

SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY.

File No. 7-0 1060

SUBJECT

C. Nielsen, Dane, Suspected German Agent

Names involved:

Gordius Nielsen, Dane

Ed. M. Guesdon, British

J. J. Hegan

Coleman, of Gaston, Williams & Wignore

Jimmy Shuen-shiang, houseboy

Hawthorn, Curasian.

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H. M. Consulate General,  
Shanghai, 1060

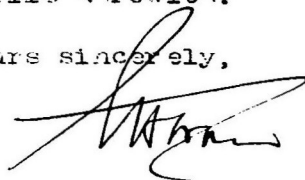
31st, March, 1917.

My dear McKuen,

Many thanks for letting me see the  
very interesting file about the Nielsens.  
It would certainly appear that there is some  
game afoot but it is rather difficult to say  
what it might be.

I return the file herewith.

Yours sincerely,



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M. J. McKuen, Esquire,

Captain Superintendent of Police,

Shanghai.



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1868  
July 17  
March 18/17.

Inspector J. Burnside  
Shanghai Police.  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of  
Mr. J. J. Kugan, I beg to submit  
the following facts to you:

I am a courier carrying dis-  
patches from the Ministry of For-  
eign affairs in Petrograd to the  
Russian Ambassador in Washing-  
ton.

I am a British subject and  
travel under a British passport  
issued by the Consul General in  
New York. I also have a  
special Russian passport and

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commission (#57) as courier  
from the Russian Government.

On the Transiberian train  
leaving Petrograd Feb 7/20/17 I  
had as fellow passenger a  
youth who gave me his name  
as C. Nielsen of Shanghai.  
In chatting, I happened to  
mention that I would sail  
from Shanghai on the Empress  
of Russia Mch 17, and that  
my cabin, the only one I  
could obtain in Petrograd was  
\$200 and that I hoped to get  
the Local Agent in Shanghai to  
change to for a better one when  
I reached there.

Nielsen said: I can do better than  
that for you; give me your ticket  
and as Mr Shaw, the local  
agent is an intimate friend

of mine, I shall have him  
change it for you and have  
everything in readiness by the  
time you get there.

(He was coming direct to  
Shanghai whereas I was to  
stay a few days in Peking).

On my arrival in Shanghai  
I was met by Nielsen who  
calmly informed me that  
he had handed in my ticket  
by mistake to the gate keeper  
at the Railroad Station in Shang-  
hai when he arrived.

I accepted his explanation  
but after meeting Mr Ragan  
and Mr Colman of Garton  
Williams & Wignmore, I learned  
that Nielsen's reputation was  
rather a bad one.

I had a close search made  
at the R. R. station by the Traffic  
manager's assistant who re-  
ported that no such ticket

had been handed in.

Bear in mind that I am carrying 4 packages of important dispatches.

Aside from the loss or theft of the ticket, which compelled me to pay the agent in Shanghai another \$225<sup>00</sup> gold. it strikes me that the mere money involved might not have been the sole reason for the disappearance of my ticket. It is quite possible that our enemies may have had some object in detaining me or my packages or both, in Shanghai.

Be that as it may there are the facts and if they are of any service to you I shall be happy.

yours truly

Ed. M. Guindan

my address:

2203 Pine St. New Orleans, La. U.S.A.

## Shanghai Municipal Police.

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*Confidential*

General

Station.

March 28th,

1917.

REPORT ON C.Nielsen.

Made by D.I.Burnside.

Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith a letter received to-day from E.M.Gueydan giving information re Mr C.Nielsen, son of Gordius Nielsen.

Apparently when Gueydan arrived in Shanghai, Nielsen met him and told him that all rooms were engaged in the Astor House & Palace Hotel's, but that he would find good accomodation at Tollefsen's Private Hotel to which place Nielsen took him. Gueydan then called on Mr J.J.Kegan on a business matter at the Astor House who immediately had the four dispatch boxes removed to Messrs Gaston, Williams & Wigmore's strong room & advised Gueydan to stay with Mr Coleman at his private house. Later in the day Mr Kegan took Mr A.P.Blunt of H.B.M.Consulate to inspect the boxes and eventually told Gueydan to make a report of the loss of his passage ticket to the Consulate which was done resulting in the Authorities holding back Gueydan's passport & papers.

What I have heard regarding C.Nielsen is as follows:-

Towards the end of 1916, C.Nielsen applied to the firm of Messrs Gaston, Williams & Wigmore for employment stating that he was then employed with Seth Seth & Coy but wished to better himself. The firm gave Nielsen employment on a very small salary & shortly afterwards, began to get suspicious of his doings in the office on account of his enquiring into the firms private business matters, & overlooking the various typists doing confidential work which in no way concerned him. They then occupied his time running bogus errands in order to keep

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him out of the office and quietly commenced enquiries with the result that they then found he had been formerly employed with the Standard Oil Coy & had specially left this firm to join Seth Seth & Coy in order to carry out his fathers wishes of obtaining employment with Gaston, Williams & Wigmore.

Whilst these enquiries were going on, C.Nielsen on Chinese New Years day (23.1.17) entered the office, but on seeing foreign employees were present, left immediately. Messrs Gaston, Williams & Wigmore make it a rule not to employ anyone ever connected with the Standard Oil Coy, & fearing to openly dismiss Nielsen, on account of the father's love for Courts & writing to newspapers, quietly told C.Nielsen that they were lessening the staff & his services were dispensed with.

It was then that a former houseboy of H.O'Shea named Ting Shou Shiang (丁訓相) applied for employment as a typist but when put to the test, knew nothing as regards typing. This man was followed & found to visit the home of Gordius Nielsen & to enter the back door of the Remington Typewriter Coy.

A few days later, a young man giving the name of Hampton, & who appeared to be a Eurasian or a native of Cairo, called at the office of Gaston, Williams & Wigmore & enquired whether the firm would be willing to do leather business. This man was asked for references but could not give any. On account of the firm doing a very extensive business in leather with the Russian Government, they became suspicious of Hampton, & having him followed, found that he visited the German Club & German

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Consulate.

The firm now strongly suspected that Nielsen's son, Ting Shou Shiang & Hampton were endeavouring to obtain information, most probably for Gordius Nielsen, to be conveyed to enemy subjects.

Shortly after Nielsen left Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, the firm began to receive anonymous letters regarding their employees particularly a young man named Silar. Again this was put down to Nielsen or his father, the young man Silar bearing the best of characters.

In order to compare the notepaper of the anonymous letters with that of Gordius Nielsen, the firm on a pretext, wrote to Gordius Nielsen whose notepaper on reply was ~~to be~~ found to be different. The letters were posted at the corner of Szechuen & Canton Roads.

C. Nielsen left Shanghai about the middle of February last via Siberia for his native place Denmark but for some reason or other, was turned back at Petrograd. He is <sup>now</sup> said to be about to take passage to America by the S.S. "Nippon Maru" leaving on 29th inst:.

Your obedient servant.

Det: Insp<sup>r</sup>

Chief Detective Inspector.



C. I. B.  
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Date

1 The Bund, 13 February 1917.

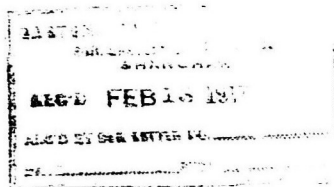
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Messrs Gaston, Williams & Wigmore,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,- In reply to your letter bearing yesterday's date I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me any mail addressed to my son, Mr C. Nielsen, c/o your office.

Yours truly,

*Jordens Nielsen*



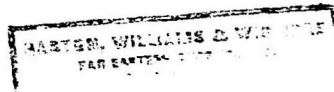
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Yours truly,

Jordis Nielsen



501 Avenue Japre.

I have been employed in the ~~Yonghe~~  
Insurance Co. for 1 year after that I went to  
Kintong the Bank of Taiwan for 3 years as  
a clerk.

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Shanghai, 10th February 1936

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J. Sternefeld Esq.,

Messrs. Garton, Williams & Wigmore

Union Building,

Shanghai.

Dear Sir:-

As I take the liberty to inform you that Mr. Silar, who is in your employment which I am having heard that he is an untrustworthy conduct, I shall be much obliged if you will please to keep this private note and kindly pay a little attention to this matter.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Fong.

Shanghai, 11th February 1917

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C. Komaroff Esq.  
Messrs. Gaston, Williams & Wigmore  
Shanghai.

Sir :-

I beg to advise you that, in your employ-  
ment is Mr. Silar, who is an untrusty man,  
I shall esteem it a great favour if you would  
kindly pay a little attention to this matter.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
C. B. Lee.

Shanghai, 9th February, 1900.

C. P. B.  
T. O. B. G.

No. 1,060

----- Coleman Esq.,

Messrs. Gaston, Williams & Wignore  
Shanghai.

Sir,

As I take the liberty to inform you that Mr. Silar, who is  
in your employment which I have heard that he is an trustworthy  
conduct. I beg therefore, if you would kindly look into this  
matter,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. R. Bain